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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In October, 2002, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **six (6) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128 and then press "zero" (0) to speak with Product Safety**. You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 6 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number:

- ❖ Bikepro, Inc. is recalling Babywalkers. #03-009
- ❖ Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. is recalling Toy Sponges. #03-010
- ❖ Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. is recalling Stuffed Pool Animals. #03-011
- ❖ Oriental International Trading Company is recalling Babywalkers. #03-012
- ❖ BRIO® Corp. is recalling Caterpillar Pull Toy. #03-013
- ❖ IKEA is recalling Stuffed Teddy Bears. #03-020

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number: 03-009 Bikepro, Inc. of Pico Rivera, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 50,000 baby walkers. The recalled walkers are intended for babies age 6 months or older. The walkers are blue, green, pink and yellow. They have a musical tray, a thick foamed padded seat and some are equipped with stoppers on the side. These model numbers are recalled: 305, 308RK, 309STP, 384, 386, 388, 388STP, 389STP, 392STP, 393STP, 395 and 399STP. The model numbers are located on the outside of each box. The baby walkers bear a warning label that states in part: "WARNING: NOTE: NEVER LEAVE CHILD UNATTENDED" or "NEVER LEAVE YOUR BABY ALONE IN THIS BABY WALKER" or "USE ONLY FOR CHILDREN WHO CAN SIT UNASSISTED." The baby walkers may bear a label stating "BEBELOVE." Independent discount stores located in Arizona, California, Colorado, Texas, Michigan, Missouri and New York sold these baby walkers from January 2000 through August 2001 for between \$18 and \$22.

Problem: The baby walkers can fit through a standard doorway and are not designed to stop at the edge of a step. Babies using these baby walkers could be seriously injured or killed if they fall down stairs.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these walkers immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information, contact Bikepro, Inc. at (800) 261-2559 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03009.html>

Release Number: 03-010 Dollar Tree Stores Inc., of Chesapeake, Va., is voluntarily recalling about 280,000 animal toy sponges. There are three types of sponge animals involved in this recall: whales, turtles and fish. The sponge animals are made of soft terry cloth and have suction cups for attaching to tiled or smooth surfaces. The toys have a sewn-in label that reads in part, "DOLLAR TREE DISTRIBUTION, INC.," "MADE IN CHINA" and "RN# 87254." Dollar Tree, Only One Dollar, Only \$1, Dollar Express and Dollar Bills sold the stuffed animals nationwide from May 2001 through September 2002 for \$1.

Problem: The eyes on the toys can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should take these sponge animals away from young children immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information, consumers can call Dollar Tree Stores at (800) 876-8077 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's web site at www.dollartree.com.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03010.html>

Release Number: 03-011 Dollar Tree Stores Inc., of Chesapeake, Va., is voluntarily recalling about 310,000 stuffed polyester pool animals. There are eight types of stuffed polyester pool animals involved in this recall: crab, duck, frog, octopus, seahorse, shark, turtle and whale. The brightly colored stuffed animals have a sewn-in label that reads in part, "DOLLAR TREE DISTRIBUTION, INC.," "MADE IN CHINA" and "RN# 87254." Dollar Tree, Only One Dollar, Only \$1, Dollar Express and Dollar Bills sold the

stuffed animals nationwide from April 2002 through August 2002 for \$1.

Problem: The seams can separate exposing the polyester stuffing and foam beads. The foam beads pose a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should take these stuffed animals away from young children immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For more information, consumers can call Dollar Tree Stores at (800) 876-8077 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's web site at www.dollartree.com.



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Release Number: 03-012 Oriental International Trading Company, of Los Angeles, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 3,500 baby walkers. This recall includes the "Honey" model baby walker. The walkers are intended for a baby 5 months and older. They were sold in blue, yellow or pink with a padded seat and an activity tray. Model numbers included in the recall are 820, 860, 862 and 802. The model numbers are printed on the seat backs. A warning label on the walker reads in part, "WARNING: Suitable for babies between five and ten months old." Independent discount stores located in Arizona, California, Texas, Illinois, North Carolina and New York sold these baby walkers from May 2001 through June 2002 for between \$18 and \$22.

Problem: The walkers will fit through a standard doorway and are not designed to stop at the edge of a step. Babies using these walkers can be seriously injured or killed if they fall down stairs.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these walkers immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For

more information, consumers can contact Oriental International Trading Company at (866) 666-9868 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday. Consumers can also visit the firm's web site at www.bike-stroller.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03012.html>

Release Number: 03-013 BRIO® Corp., of Germantown, Wis., a subsidiary of BRIO AB of Sweden, is voluntarily recalling three lot numbers, about 1,000, of the Plan Toys pull-along caterpillars. The recalled pull-along caterpillar is bright red and yellow and was sold under the Plan Toys brand name. The wooden caterpillar is about 7-inches long and is pulled by a nylon string. The caterpillar's antenna are two blue protruding pegs that extend about 1/2-inch from the head. The recalled lot numbers are 0645917, 12142323 and 0724423 and are printed on the inside flap of the packaging. A stamp on the top of the tail end of the caterpillar displays the Plan Toys logo and the words "Made in Thailand." Specialty toy stores, Internet retailers and mail order catalogs sold the caterpillar toys nationwide from January 2002 through September 2002 for about \$15.

Problem: The antenna on the pull toy can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should take these caterpillar toys away from children immediately and send them to BRIO® to receive a replacement toy or a refund, including the cost of postage. Consumers should return the recalled toys to BRIO Corp., SAFETY RECALL -

Caterpillar, N120 W18485 Freidstadt Road, Germantown, Wis. 53022. For more information, consumers can contact BRIO toll-free at (888)

274-6869 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03013.html>

Release Number: 03-020 IKEA, of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., is voluntarily recalling 57,000 stuffed teddy bears. The recalled SNUTTIG Bear Soft Toys are red, yellow, blue and black and are about six inches tall. The bears have a contrasting color on the nose, ears, and feet. The name "SNUTTIG," the model number 700-371-56, the manufacturer code 17596 and the words "Made in Indonesia" are all printed on the product label. IKEA stores nationwide sold the bears from August 2001 through September 2002 for about \$2.

Problem: The plastic beads inside of the bears could come out of the seams, posing an aspiration hazard to young children who could inhale the small beads.

What to do: Consumers should take these bears away from young children immediately and return them to an IKEA store for a \$5 gift card towards another IKEA product. For more information, consumers should contact IKEA at (888) 966-4532 anytime or visit the company's website at www.ikea-usa.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03020.html>

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